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PLAGUE.

AUSTRIA.—September 15. The measures imposed August 6 by the maritime sanitary authorities at Trieste against Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, were suspended.

CHINA.—September 9. The German counsul at Chefoo suspended the measures ordered January 8 against German vessels from Kobe. September 29. Measures ordered June 12 against arrivals from Hongkong and Canton suspended. The restrictions ordered April 1 against importation of certain articles from the places named remain in force.

October 13. The German consul at Tientsin suspended the sanitary police control of German vessels ordered June 12 for arrivals from Hongkong, Canton, Swatow, and Amoy, and the ports of Tongku-Tientsin and Chinwangtao. Importation of certain susceptible articles still forbidden.

DUTCH GUIANA.—September 30. Quarantine in force against arrivals from Trinidad or which have come into communication with vessels from said island.

EGYPT.—October 23. Plague regulations against arrivals from Adalia suspended.

ITALY.—October 13. Maritime sanitary police measures against arrivals from Guayaquil suspended.

TURKEY.—October 20. Medical inspection of arrivals from Adalia suspended.

CHINA.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Leprosy.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, October 31:

Week ended October 31. Supplemental bills of health granted to 2 steamships with an aggregate personnel of 769. One vessel and 60 members of crews were inspected. Four steerage passengers were inspected and their baggage was passed. Manifests were viséed for 24,709 pieces of freight, amounting to 2,339.15 tons.

Shanghai continues free from quarantinable disease with the exception of leprosy.

Report from Tientsin—Epidemic plague at Tongshan—History of outbreak—Sanitary measures.

The following is received from Consul-General Williams, under date of October 24:

Plague is epidemic at Tongshan, in this Province.

Tongshan is situated on the railway between Tientsin and Shanhaikuan, about 80 miles from this port and between Tientsin and its outport, Chinwangtao. It is the location of the Kaiping colliery, and its only exports are coal, cement, brick, and tiles. There are about 5,000 Cantonese at Tongshan in the employ of an engineering and mining company. Plague first appeared among these employees about August 20, last, but was not reported to the local physician until September 7. He notified the sanitary bureau at once, and a French physician was sent to introduce and enforce proper regulations. Efforts were made to isolate the cases and prevent the spread of infection. These efforts have not been entirely successful, owing to the unwillingness

of the people to allow the inspection of their houses or to send their sick to the hospital, but the Cantonese have shown a willingness to submit to the orders of the medical authorities and the sanitary police, and their quarter of the town is in much better condition than at the beginning of the epidemic. In other sections, however, the disease is rife, and a few cases are known to have occurred 13 miles from Tongshan. Inspection is maintained at the railway station and on the trains. Plague has not reached Tientsin or its three dependent ports, Chinwangtao, Tangtu, and Taku. The mining company maintains a rigid inspection of all its employees entering the company's compound or mines.

Despite the fact, however, that the health officer here declares that there is no plague in Tientsin or its dependent ports, the customs and consular authorities at Shanghai have declared these places infected, and quarantine regulations are being enforced.

The population of the infected area is about 200,000. The known number of cases, or more properly the number reported, has averaged about 20 a day. The mortality is estimated at 63 per cent. The number of cases of the pneumonic form is estimated at about 11½ per cent of the total.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels—House and water-deposit inspection—Leprosy.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Suarez reports, November 23 and 30:

Week ended November 21.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued	2
Members of crews inspected	66

No quarantinable diseases were reported during the week.

Week ended November 28.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued	5
Members of crews inspected	169

No quarantinable disease was reported during the week except a new case of leprosy, which has been sent to the leprosy hospital in Santa Clara city.

During the month of October, 12,762 premises were examined and petrolized, and 202 breeding places for mosquitoes were found.

Report from Habana—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—House and water-deposit inspection—Stegomyia calopus present.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Amesse reports, November 30:

Week ended November 28.

Vessels inspected	16
Bills of health issued	17
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected	888
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	459
Vessels fumigated prior to sailing	2

Sanitary inspections of 12,861 premises were made during the past week, and 49 deposits of mosquito larvæ were discovered, 33 of which were collections of *Stegomyia calopus*.